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Donlin Gold Project EIS - Safe Drinking Water Issues Subject:



Hey Peter,

How are you? Remember the stint you did in the NEPA Review Unit years ago before you moved on to bigger things?

Well, I am currently working with a group of reviewers on the Donlin Gold Project EIS in SW Alaska. The concern raised is that the mining operations - open pit mine, waste rock facility, tailings storage facility, etc. would adversely impact a designated USDW.

Our technical reviewer, Lee Thomas,

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We need to talk to someone from the regulatory

side to provide us with some guidance.

Is there anyone in your Unit and/or ORC that is an expert on the SDWA and USDWs?

Let me know and I can get a discussion going.

Thanks



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